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LOOKING 'EM OVER

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If Battering Babe Ruth, the \$125,000 mauler, can keep up his 1919 average on the Polo Grounds through the coming campaign, get ready for another and a greater home-run record for the books. The Red Sox were scheduled for ten games in New York last season. Babe Ruth hammered out three home runs there, beginning with one off George Mo- gridge on the opening day of the season, copping one off Bob Shawkey on June 30 and closing with another off Shawkey on September 24. This is an average of .300—three homers in ten games.

Next season American League clubs will play a schedule of 154 games, or seventy-seven at home and seventy-seven abroad. If Babe Ruth can maintain his .300 average of 1919 at the Polo Grounds he will come close to slugging out some twenty-three homers at his home park. He will then have but seven more to get around the circuit to beat his own record of twenty-nine made last year.

The other day Bill Lamar, the Rock- ville, Md., boy with the Red Sox, came in to see us and get a peek at the "official" averages of the American League. That was before Babe Ruth was sold to the Yankees. Lamar, who looked in wonderful condition, with an eye clear as the morning sky and with the fresh color of a debutant, had much to say of Babe Ruth, who seemed pretty much of an idol to him. "The Babe hits a lot of high flies, you know," said Lamar, talking of the proposed change in the rules which would permit a batsman to escape having a strike called on him when driving long flies to the foul territory on either side of the outfield. "There'd be arguments all the time. You know how baseball players like to argue about everything."

That's true for him. "Of course, there wouldn't be so many arguments in New York, with that short right field wall, but there would be everywhere else except, possibly, Cleveland. If the Babe played in New York that wall would be pie for him. If he played there half the season he'd set the home-run record so high it would never come down." And now Babe—or "The Babe," as all ball players speak of him—is to play in New York. In seventy-seven games he is going to measure the distance from the plate to that right field stand, and he would be brave, indeed, who would say now that the 1919 record of twenty-nine home runs would not be surpassed.

City two batsmen have ever hit a ball over the right field stand at the Polo Grounds, Babe Ruth and Joe Jackson. Both slammed the pellet out upon the avenue, clearing the L. street. The story has it that Babe's landing in a saloon and knocking a stein of beer from a man's hand. If true, that must have been a dreadful thing, to take a perfectly good stein of beer away from a man just as he had it poised for action. Any way, maybe that's only a story, which is well, for it is almost too terrible.

As a partial explanation for his parting with Ruth, Harry Frazee discusses the player's consuming ego. "Knowing many ball players of far less ability, I was constrained to let Babe Ruth go. There is much to be said for him."

Though the books say that Ruth played with the Mt. St. Joseph's college nine, they are incorrect. He did play with the St. Mary's Industrial School nine, of Baltimore, and it was there that Jack Dunn, the manager of the Orioles, found him in the winter of 1913-14.

When Dunn asked the brother in charge at the school for permission to sign Ruth for a trial with the Baltimore club, the brother replied that, to do that, Dunn would have to sign Ruth, who was then a high school senior, legally adopted the big boy.

Ruth came in for much laudation while with the Baltimore club. This was increased as soon as he became a major leaguer. He was a real star better starts in life, would have succumbed as well. He has plenty of excuse for his ego.

Huggins Faces Trouble. Miller Huggins, the midwest manager of the Yankees, is facing many troubles before the 1920 campaign ends. How he will ever succeed in handling such fellows as Carl Mays, Babe Ruth, Ping Bodie, Bob Shawkey, Del Pratt, and Neuk Hannah all at once remains to be offered as a lesson to other big league leaders. Of course, before the season starts, Huggins may succeed in disposing of some of his temperamental stars, but if he begins with them all in uniform he's in for a warm summer, even if he is the sun never shines.

All-star collections are never to be desired by a baseball manager. Just as actors, each wants all the limelight. The art of self-sacrifice for the good of the team is unknown to the star, whether on the stage or the diamond.

Perhaps the most self-sacrificing star in baseball today is Walter Johnson, though Tink Specker leads him a close race. Each would gladly throw away a possible record if by so doing he could assure success to his team. Babe Ruth, it is needless to say, does not answer this description. Neither does Carl Mays. And here they are both members of the one club. Yes, Miller Huggins should not wait for excuses before the curtain falls next October.

DROPS TWO ROBINS.

TOLEDO, Jan. 8.—Infielder Lew Malone and outfielder Jimmy Hickman of the Brooklyn National club, has been purchased by the Toledo American Association club, according to an announcement by President Bresnahan.

JEFF SMITH WINS.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 8.—Jeff Smith, Bayonne, N. J., a flying whizzer, met in a double six-round bout here last night.

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COCHRAN PROMISES FIGHT FOR FIGHT

British Promoter Says He Will Go to Court to Hold French Champion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Charles B. Cochran, the London promoter who came to America to sign Jack Dempsey for a championship bout with Georges Carpentier, is speeding on his way to New York today in an uneasy frame of mind.

"I don't believe that Carpentier has signed with Jim Coffroth for a Tia Juana fight," he said before departing. "I think Carpentier and Dempsey are too honorable to break their word with me. I shall certainly go to court to protect my interests."

Cochran declares that he has the French champion's signature to articles calling for a bout with Dempsey in England.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Georges Carpentier's manager, Descamps, has agreed to sign James Coffroth's offer for a world's championship contest with Jack Dempsey at Tia Juana, Mexico, but he is opposed to more than fifteen rounds. He prefers ten rounds, thinking the end will come inside of that limit. Coffroth's offer is for \$400,000.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—"Tia Juana lands the bout," says Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager. "Any old distance will suit us. The fight won't be more than one round. They can make it a six-round bout, if they want to."

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—William Fox, the moving picture magnate, is willing to give as high as \$500,000 to keep the proposed Dempsey-Carpentier contest in the United States. He has forwarded his offer to Jack Kearns, manager of the world's champion.

"I am not in this for profit," says Fox to Kearns. "I shall donate half the net profits naturally coming to me to the Red Cross of America, Canada, England, Australia, and France."

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 8.—Chief of Police Philip Smith today revoked the permit for the twenty-round bout between Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee, which was to have been held in this city on January 16.

The chief stated that when the permit was issued it was represented to him that it was to be a boxing exhibition. He said that it is to be a prize fight and a championship title, having been presented to him and the fact that it has been extensively advertised as such led him to revoke the permit.

Fritz Hansen Tackles Turner on Folly Stage

Conqueror of Silent Olsen Faces Another Victor Over Mute Tonight.

Joe Turner, who successfully defended his middleweight title last week against Silent Olsen, of Akron, Ohio, has his work cut out for him tonight in his bout with Fritz Hansen, of Wilmington, N. C., at the Folly Theater, Ninth street and the Avenue. Hansen has also defeated Olsen and has been clamoring for a chance with Turner.

Manager Jack Garrison, of the Folly Theater, looked into the Wilmington man's claims for a contest with the Washington veteran and decided they were worth while. So they have been hooked up for tonight.

It is possible that Hansen will be a few pounds lighter than Turner, weighing 155 pounds to Turner's 160 or so. However, Hansen believes that his endurance is fully as great as Turner's and his speed considerably greater.

Tonight's contest will begin immediately after the regular performance.

Will Play Detroit.

Rutgers' varsity eleven will go to Detroit on Thanksgiving this year to battle the University of Detroit. Two other Western teams are on Rutgers' schedule, Indiana being played at New Brunswick, N. J., and Nebraska at New York city.

MOHAWKS GET GOING.

After several weeks of practice the Mohawks got started last night and hung up fifty-seven points while the Linworth A. C. team was getting 8.

When the Census Man Gets Busy

"Get ready for this," writes Jimmy Isaminger in the Philadelphia North American, "when the census taker meets the ball player."

"1—What is your employer's banker's full name?"

"2—Have you paid for your last automobile?"

"3—How much did you lose the last time you went into business?"

"4—How many times were you fairly struck out, if ever?"

"5—What used to be the best beer in St. Louis?"

"6—How many old baseballs have you in your cellar?"

"7—Give ten reasons why a player should not hold out."

"8—When did you spend the full amount of the club's allotment for a meal on a dining car?"

"9—What is your opinion of a club that happens to make a dividend?"

"10—What do you think of the author of double-headers?"

"11—Is three hours' work daily in the summer months oppression?"

"12—What battles did you take part in during the world war, excepting with umpires?"

TRACK STARS OUT FOR G. U. RELAYS

O'Reilly Will Have Several First Class Athletes to Start Campaign.

With a most strenuous track campaign facing the Georgetown University track team coach John O'Reilly is fast developing a capable number of track men to take part in the meets which will extend from mid-January to June.

Georgetown's track mentor expects to develop several relay teams and from indications should succeed in putting out a sprint medley team, a mile team, a two-mile quartet and a four-mile combination, all of which are expected to be heard from.

During the past two years O'Reilly has succeeded in developing a number of likely looking candidates who should come through this year. In the sprint medley O'Reilly will have Tony Doyle, the Worcester schoolboy marvel of last year, Bob Le Gendre, Dorsey Griffith, Monroe Sheehan, and Jimmy Connelly.

For the mile relay Griffith, Sheehan, McNamara, Le Gendre and O'urray are counted upon to flash through. Three of these runners are credited with having been present in the mile, and it remains for O'Reilly to speed up another runner to the required time.

For the two-mile team O'Reilly will have Sheehan, O'urray, J. Connelly, Scully, and McDonough. Three of these runners have been clocked in performances better than two minutes for the half so that still another track man capable of doing two minutes will be necessary.

In addition to these relay teams Georgetown will have several first-class athletes in other events. Tom Gargan, brother of Frank and Howard Gargan of Fordham fame, is said to have done just under twelve feet in the pole vault. Freney, a high jumper, is rated as doing five feet eleven inches in the jump.

All of the runners who have been mentioned for the relays and a host of others of lesser fame are capable in the individual events. In the shot, discus, and javelin as well as the hurdles Le Gendre is almost in a class by himself.

KNOCKS OUT CLINE.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 8.—Irish Patsy Cline, of New York, suffered a technical knockout in the sixth round of his scheduled ten-round bout here last night, with Eddie Fitzsimmons, of New York. Cline was sent down for the count of five with a right to the jaw, a barrage of rights and lefts sent him down again, and as he rolled over on his back, his manager rushed into the ring, and the referee promptly awarded the fight to Fitzsimmons.

NAMES SAME JUDGES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Major A. J. Drezel Biddle and Warren Barbour, who officiated as judges at the Willard-Dempsey fight at Toledo, are prospective appointees today to serve in the same capacity at the Leonard-Dundee twenty-round championship bout at New Haven January 16. The army, navy and civilian board of boxing control will announce the appointments.

EARL CADDOKK WINS.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Earl Caddokk, the heavyweight wrestler, today holds a decision over "Cyclone" Burns of this city. Caddokk defeated Burns in two straight falls in a match here.

V. P. I. PLAYS RUTGERS.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute plays the Rutgers football team at New Brunswick, N. J., October 16.

Some Catch, Say We

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By Tad

WHEN CUBS LANDED FLAG IN WONDERFUL PLAY-OFF



By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

Cy Seymour, the old Giant center fielder, who died a few months ago, frequently has been blamed for New York's defeat in this game. A badly played fly in the third inning, starting the Cubs on a four-run spurt, did a lot of damage, but some unpardonably stupid base running in the first inning did as much to split the bases for the Giants as the mistake of Seymour.

The Giants had a chance to score a bunch of runs in the first inning, but got only one tally out of two bases on balls, a hit batsman and a double. Preter started off wild, and hit Fred Tenney on the arm with his first pitch. Then he walked Charley Herzog, then a colt putting in his freshman year with the Giants.

Roger Bresnahan, batting third, then did his part to wreck New York's scoring chances. The hard-hitting catcher struck out, and Johnny Kling dropped the third strike. It was smart work by Kling and made the Giants look silly.

Herzog Pulls "Bone."

Under the rules a man striking out with a runner on first base is out automatically, whether the catcher holds the ball or drops it. But Bresnahan started to run to first base. Charley Herzog wasn't an smart a player then as he is now. He got it into his head that he was forced off first by Bresnahan and started toward second. Kling quickly snapped the ball down to Chance, who ran down Herzog on the base line for a double play.

Donlin next, smacked a double to right, scoring Tenney. Pfeister continued to go bad and walked Seymour. That finished Jack the Giant Killer, and Mordecai Brown was rushed to the rescue. Brown struck out Art Devlin, though the Georgetown man did a lot of yelling about it.

The game was checked full of bickering and gnashing of teeth at the umpires. Chance whacked out a single in the second inning and a moment later was caught napping the bases. Peerless Leader let out some shrill growls, and Artie Hoffman, old Circus Solly, who took up the quarrel, was banished from the game. Howard taking his place in the field.

Waterloo Came in Third.

New York met Waterloo in the third inning. It was in this inning that Seymour got in his fatal mistake. Always it is the Giant center fielder who blows the works in crucial games. It was Fred Snodgrass who upset the apple cart in the 1912 world series.

Joe Tinker, the Chicago shortstop, opened the third against Matty, and though Joe was about the worst hitter among the Cub regulars he always could paste Sir Christopher. Mathewson motioned Seymour to play deep for Joe, but Cy failed to heed instructions.

Tinker whacked a long fly to center field. Seymour tried to back for it instead of turning his back, and it cleared his head for a triple. Tinker scored, and then ran a moment later on Kling's warm single to center. Brown sacrificed, Tenney assisted, and Sheppard hoisted to Seymour for the second out. Had Seymour been a little better he would have retired the side runless.

Real Fireworks Came.

But the real fireworks started after that. Evers walked and Schulte shot a hot single past Devlin. Kling scored and Johnny taking third. Chance and Evers, three-base hit. Tinker, Hits-Off Pfeister, 1 in two-thirds of an inning; off Brown, 4 in 8 1/3 innings; off Mathewson, 7 in 7 1/3 innings; off Witte, 1 in 2 1/3 innings; off Brown, 1 in 2 1/3 innings. Double plays—Kling and Chance, and McCormick and Bresnahan. Left on bases—Chicago, 3; New York, 6; First on balls—Off Pfeister, 2; off Brown, 1; off Mathewson, 1; First on errors—Chicago, 1. Hit by pitcher—By Pfeister, 1. Struck out—By Mathewson, 7; by Witte, 2; by Pfeister, 1; by Brown, 1. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes. Umpires—Messrs. Johnstone and Klem. Attendance—35,000.

son conducted the Reds before the season. He was a big, big leaguer. Many were Evers, Tinker, and Brown. Chance, of course, was playing manager of the Chicago team. Evers succeeded him as manager of the Cubs in 1913, and Tinker also got a crack at managing the Cubs after the Federal League settlement. Prior to that Joe managed the Reds and Chif-feds. Kling managed the Boston Nationals one season, and old Donlin, Devlin, McCormick, Evers, and Witte tried their hands as managers in the minors. There were baseball brains in that box-score!

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BROOKLANDERS TACKLE LAFAYETTE, THEN G.W.U.

Catholic University Basketers Meet Two Strong Teams Straight Running.

Tomorrow night at Brookland, Catholic University meets Lafayette College in basketball. It will be the second home game of the season for the Brooklanders, who have not appeared on the floor since the Christmas holidays started.

Lafayette will be met by a formidable array of basketers as C. U. has improved noticeably. On Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. the Brooklanders will tackle the George Washington quintet.

Two games in a row will give the Brooklanders a first-class workout in preparation for the game with the Navy next week.

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SCHOOLS TO START SERIES TOMORROW

Tech Takes on Business and Western Meets Central on Floor in C. U. Gym.

The 1920 high school basketball championship series gets under way tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the new gymnasium at Catholic University, Brookland, D. C.

In the opening engagements Business, last year's title holders, engage Tech. Central and Western will play in the second game of the double-header.

James Y. Hughes, well-known basketball official here, and Earl Fuller, director of athletics for the boys at the Y. M. C. A., will handle both games. Hughes will referee the first contest and Fuller the second.

The games will be staged on a court 76 feet by 50 feet, which will run lengthwise in the new structure at Brookland. Baskets have been suspended from the steel girders.

For Tech, Gosnell, Hutchinson, Leehler, Gude, and Parker or Shaw will play. Many, Jaffe, Williams, Held, and Goetz will probably perform for Business. Central will have Lemon, Hillman, Wood, and Dick and Bob Newby playing.

Eastern, the fifth school to play in the series, will take the floor Tuesday afternoon against Business in the same gymnasium.

BABE RUTH'S SALE WAS BLOW AGAINST JOHNSON

Frazee Said to Have Been Threatened With Ousting Process by League Head.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Sale of Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees was another strike in the political battle against Ban Johnson, president of the league, according to rumors here.

Harry Frazee's hold on the Red Sox was being threatened by large notes which were coming due and which, so the story runs, the Johnson faction was trying to secure to force the Hub team into other hands.

The immense sum of money which was involved in the Ruth deal will give Frazee a firm hold on the club stock and foil the efforts of the "faithful five," his friends say.

FOLWELL IS DOOMED.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Bob Folwell is doomed to pass out as football coach at Penn. "Prominent alumni have joined hands to oust him, though the student body wants him to remain. The name of his successor will not be known for several days."

ERNIE KOOB TUMBLES.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Ernie Koob and Wayne Wright, Brownies' pitchers, have been turned over to Louisville in exchange for Pitcher Dixie Davis, who had a trial with the Phillies last season.

TRAIN IN FLORIDA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The Yankees have closed the deal to train in Jacksonville, Fla., this spring.

Nineteenth Hole Goes January 15.

Good-by, good old nineteenth hole! You die the death January 15 for golf clubs around Washington. Here's the way the official announcement reads:

"Ordered, that all members having liquor upon the club premises REMOVE THE SAME BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1920. "After that date no one will be allowed to keep liquor on the club premises; and no servant will be permitted to serve liquor of any kind upon the club premises."

"All liquor found at the club after January 15 will have to be destroyed, and this will be done under the supervision of the board of governors."

CHARLES BARTELMES IS FACING REAL TROUBLES

District Champion Tonight Plays Freeland in Title Tournament.

Charlie Bartelmes, District pocket billiards champion, is facing his troubles tonight for he tackles Danny Freeland, who boasts of a high run of twenty-two, in the annual championship tournament at the Grand Central, Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue. Freeland has been making high runs of 23 and 25 in his daily practice stunts, and he is expected to make Bartelmes extend himself tonight.

Many women are attending the nightly contests for the District title and the Grand Central management extends to all of them a cordial invitation to continue. Extra care is being taken to see that they are comfortable during the playing.

The veteran, Wallace, showed great generalship last night in his defeat of Peaco, 100 to 68. He had high runs of 16, 14, and 12, his opponent's best being 10, 9, and 9. Today's standings are:

	Won.	Lost.	High Run.
Wheatley.....	2	0	18
Bartelmes.....	1	0	18
Kelchner.....	1	0	15
Marks.....	1	0	12
Wallace.....	1	1	17
Henschaw.....	0	2	11
Peaco.....	0	2	12
Freeland.....	0	1	22

WANT OLYMPIC EVENTS.

Washington Canoe Club paddlers, who during the past three years have annexed every important canoe titular event, want canoe races put in the next Olympic meet. If they are successful Rutherford, the Knight boys, Hamman, Wagner, and Burch will be abroad to compete.

COOK WANTS GAMES.

Cook School tossers, averaging 110 pounds, want games, Bradley Fulker, manager, can be addressed at the Y. M. C. A.

STARTS JANUARY 14.

High school freshmen get started in their series on the date of January 14. Business plays Tech and Western meets Central.

MIDDIES ADMIRERS OF BOXING STUNTS

"Spike" Webb Is Enthusiastic Over the Outlook for Ring Champions.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 8.—Boxing, just recognized as a competitive sport at the Naval Academy, has sprung into immediate popularity. Over ninety responded to the first call for candidates this week, and it had to be announced that no more were wanted. Only about half of this squad was sent to the training table. Midshipman Edwin W. Schell, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has been elected the first captain and manager of the team.

Only one match will be fought this year, against the University of Pennsylvania, but a larger schedule will be arranged for next season. The Naval Academy will co-operate with the movement to install boxing as one of the regular intercollegiate competitive sports.

The midshipmen have a very capable and magnetic coach in "Spike" Webb, who was director of boxing of the Twenty-ninth Division, A. E. F., and who developed and handled some of the best mitt men on the other side. Webb, now one of the instructors in physical training at the Naval Academy, is enthusiastic about his material there and is confident that he will have a team as good as can be brought out by any other institution.

TWELVE MORE CONTESTS ON FLOOR SCHEDULE

Manager U. G. Keener Announces Completion of Dates for Hatchette Tossers.

George Washington University will have twelve more games on its schedule for the remainder of the season, according to manager U. G. Keener.

While the Hatchettes have dropped two battles already their considerable hope that victories will be forthcoming shortly. The big test comes Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. when Catholic University is played.

On January 17 the Hatchettes go to the Navy to play, while on January 31 Georgetown will be met at the Y. M. C. A. Gallaudet is played at the "Y" on February 7.

The Hatchettes will take a trip beginning February 12, when Mt. St. Mary's, Penn State, Bucknell, Lafayette, Muhlenberg and Lehigh will be played in order. The trip will end February 15 against Lehigh. Gallaudet will be played at Kendall Green on February 21 and Catholic University at Brookland on February 23.

PECK TOSSERS WIN.

Peck Stars defeated the Marine Preps by a score of 26 to 20 in a fast game in the Eastern High gymnasium last night.

BUSINESS WINS IT.

With a changed line-up Business defeated the Army Medical School, 24 to 7 yesterday. Goetz got seven baskets from the floor for the winners.

Ty Cobb's First Game Comes Next

The tale of that wonderful play-off between the Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants for the 1908 National League pennant ends today. Saturday comes the third story in The Washington Times' big baseball series, "Ty Cobb's First Big League Game."

Remember, these authentic baseball stories are appearing only in The Washington Times' Complete Sports Page.

When Cubs Won Banner in Play-off

Played at New York City, October 8, 1908.

CHICAGO NATIONALS.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
Jim Sheekard, lf.....	4 0 0 4 0 0
Johnny Evers, 2b.....	3 1 1 0 3 0
Frank Schulte, rf.....	4 1